

YART Reading List
"Award Books"
July 17, 2007
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[The Alex Awards](#) were formed "to recognize that many teens enjoy and often prefer books written for adults, and to assist librarians in recommending adult books that appeal to teens. The award is named in honor of the late Margaret Alexander Edwards, fondly called "Alex" by her closest friends, a young adult specialist at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore. She used adult books extensively with young adults to broaden their experience and enrich their understanding of themselves and their world."

The 2007 Alex Award winners are:

- Connolly, John. *The Book of Lost Things*. Simon & Schuster/Atria.
- Doig, Ivan. *The Whistling Season*. Harcourt.
- D'Orso, Michael. *Eagle Blue: A Team, A Tribe, and A High School Basketball Season in Arctic Alaska*. Bloomsbury.
- Gruen, Sara. *Water for Elephants*. Algonquin.
- Joern, Pamela Carter. *Floor of the Sky*. University of Nebraska.
- Hamamura, John. *Color of the Sea*. Thomas Dunne.
- Lewis, Michael. *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game*. Norton.
- Mitchell, David. *Black Swan Green*. Random House.
- Rash, Ron. *The World Made Straight*. Henry Holt.
- Setterfield, Diane. *The Thirteenth Tale*. Simon & Schuster/Atria.

The [Michael L. Printz Award](#) for Excellence in Young Adult Literature "is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. It is named for a Topeka, Kansas school librarian who was a long-time active member of the Young Adult Library Services Association."

The 2007 Printz Award winner is:

- Yang, Gene Luen. *American Born Chinese*. First Second.

Honor Books:

- Anderson, M.T. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation; v. 1: The Pox Party*. Candlewick.
- Green, John. *An Abundance of Katherines*. Dutton.
- Hartnett, Sonya. *Surrender*. Candlewick.
- Zusak, Marcus. *The Book Thief*. Alfred A. Knopf.

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[The Margaret A. Edwards Award](#) was "established in 1988 to honor an author, as well as a specific body of his or her work, that have been popular over a period of time. The annual award is administered by YALSA and sponsored by School Library Journal magazine. It recognizes an author's work in helping adolescents become aware of themselves and addressing questions about their role and importance in relationships, society, and in the world."

The following young adult authors have been awarded the Maragaret A. Edwards Award since 1988:

1988 - **S.E. Hinton** for *The Outsiders*; *Rumblefish*; *Tex*; and *That Was Then, This is Now*.

1989 -No award given.

1990 - **Richard Peck** for *Are You in the House Alone?*; *Father Figure*; *The Ghost Belonged to Me*; *Ghosts I Have Been*; *Secrets of the Shopping Mall*; and *Remembering the Good Times*.

1991 - **Robert Cormier** for *The Chocolate War*; *I Am the Cheese*; and *After the First Death*

1992 - **Lois Duncan** for *Chapters, My Growth as a Writer*; *I Know What You Did Last Summer*; *Killing Mr. Griffin*; *Ransom*; *Summer of Fear*; and *The Twisted Window*.

1993 - **M.E. Kerr** for *Dinky Hocker Shoots Smack!*; *Gentlehand*; *Me Me Me Me Me: Not a Novel*; and *Night Kites*.

1994 - **Walter Dean Myers** for *Hoops*; *Motown and Didi*; *Fallen Angels*; and *Scorpions*.

1995 - **Cynthia Voigt** for *Homecoming*; *Dacey's Song*; *A Solitary Blue*; *Building Blocks*; *The Runner*; *Jackaroo*; and *Izzy, Willy-Nilly*.

1996 - **Judy Blume** for *Forever*<forever>.</forever>

1997 - **Gary Paulsen** for *Hatchet*; *Woodsong*; *Winter Room*; *The Crossing*; *Canyons*; and *Dancing Carl*.

1998 - **Madeleine L'Engle** for *Meet the Austins*; *Ring of Endless Light*; *A Wrinkle in Time*; and *A Swiftly Tilting Planet*.

1999 - **Anne McCaffrey** for *Dragonflight*; *Dragonquest*; *The White Dragon*; *The Ship Who Sang*; *Dragonsong*; *Dragonsinger*; and *Dragondrums*.

2000 - **Chris Crutcher** for *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*; *Athletic Shorts*; *Chinese Handcuffs*; *The Crazy Horse Electric Game*; *Stotan!*; and *Running Loose*.

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2001 - **Robert Lipsyte** for *The Contender*; *The Brave*; *The Chief*; and *One Fat Summer*.

2002 - **Paul Zindel** for *The Pigman*; *The Pigman's Legacy*; *The Pigman & Me*; *My Darling, My Hamburger*; and *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds: A Drama in Two Acts*.

2003 - **Nancy Garden** for *Annie on My Mind*.

2004 - **Ursula K. Le Guin** for *A Wizard of Earthsea*; *The Farthest Shore*; *Tombs of Atuan*; *Tehanu*; *The Left Hand of Darkness*; and *The Beginning Place*.

2005 – **Francesca Lia Block** for *Weetzie Bat*; *Witch Baby*; *Cherokee Bat and the Goat Guys*; *Missing Angel Juan*; and *Baby Be-Bop*.

2006 - **Jacqueline Woodson** for *I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This*; *Lena*; *From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun*; *If You Come Softly*; and *Miracle's Boys*.

2007 - **Lois Lowry** for *The Giver*.

2007 Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults

Anderson, M.T. **The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume 1: The Pox Party**. Candlewick, 2006.

Gratz, Alan. **Samurai Shortstop**. Penguin Group USA/Dial, 2006. Hartnett, Sonya. **Surrender**. Candlewick, 2006.

McCormick, Patricia. **Sold**. Hyperion, 2006. Sayres, Meghan Nuttall. **Anahita's Woven Riddle**. Abrams/Amulet, 2006.

Smelcer, John. **The Trap**. Henry Holt, 2006.

Turner, Megan Whalen. **The King of Attolia**. HarperCollins/Greenwillow, 2006.

Werlin, Nancy. **The Rules of Survival**. Penguin Group USA/Dial, 2006.

Yang, Gene Luen. **American Born Chinese**. Roaring Brook/First Second, 2006.

Zusak, Markus. **The Book Thief**. Random House/Alfred A. Knopf, 2006.